

# Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force January 6, 2010 10:00 a.m.

# State Capitol Executive Tower, First Floor Conference Room 1700 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force was convened on January 6, 2010 at the State Capitol Executive Tower First Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force:

## Methamphetamine Task Force Members Present (12):

Anthony Coulson, Chair (Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration)

Brant Benham (Narcotics and Organized Crime Bureau, Arizona Department of Public Safety)

Captain George Rodriguez (Tucson Metropolitan Counter Narcotics Alliance)

Dean Wright (Compliance Officer, Arizona State Board of Pharmacy)

Don Sherrard (Phoenix Police Department)

Jane Irvine (Director, Community Outreach and Education, Arizona Attorney General's Office)

Jennie Lagunas (Interagency Services Manager, Arizona Department of Health Services)

Mark Ewy (Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinator, Arizona Department of Economic Security)

Rich Rosky (HIDTA Coordinator, NMCI Southwest Meth Initiative)

Steve Tyrrell (Program Manager, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts)

Tony Vidale (Program Manager, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)

Warren Koontz (Inter Tribal Council

#### Members Absent (8):

Billie Grobe (Chief Probation Officer, Yavapai County)

Carol Chicharello (AHCCCS, Tribal Relations Liaison)

Hope McDonald Lonetree (Councilwoman, 20th Navajo Nation Council)

John Dempsey (Chief Administrator, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)

Kathy Rice (Prevention Education Specialist, Arizona Department of Education)

Ron Dalrymple (Executive Director, Arizona Board of Technical Registration)

Scott Cocuzza (Business and Community Member)

Sylvia Homer (Colorado River Indian Tribe Methamphetamine Coalition)

#### Public members (12):

Angela Baldasare (Pima Prevention Partnership)

Briana Kreibich (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)

Cindy Daugherty (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)

Emily Winas (GOCYF-Division for Substance Abuse Policy)

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)

Jim Copple (Strategic Applications International)

Lisa Vardian (Board of Technical Registration)

Melissa Cornelius (Board of Technical Registration)

Patti Cordova (GOCYF- Division for Children)

Sonya Pierce- Johnson (GOCYF- Division for Substance Abuse Policy)

Tammy Paz-Combs (GOCYF- Division for Substance Abuse Policy)

Tonya Hamilton (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)

## A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anthony Coulson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

## **B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Coulson welcomed and praised members for the ongoing efforts of the working groups. Mr. Coulson requested that members and the pubic introduce themselves.

## C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Coulson called members' attention to the previous meeting minutes. Members reviewed the minutes; Mr. Benham motioned to approve minutes as written, Mr. Rosky seconded the motion. The motion was carried with no objections.

## **D. ACCESS TO RECOVERY**

Mr. Coulson introduced Tonya Hamilton, and requested an update on the Arizona Access to Recovery grant. Ms. Hamilton notified members of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA-CSAT) conducted a site visit in December 2009. The visit went well, and SAMHSA-CSAT selected Arizona as the site to host capacity training for providers in January 2010, that will focus on how treatment and prevention providers can maintain capacity during these economic times. SAMHSA-CSAT has released a Request for Grant Application for Access to Recovery Three that will provide 2-4million per year for up to four years for states that are awarded. Arizona will be applying for this funding as the current Access to Recovery grant will term in September 2010.

#### E. RECOMMENDATION UPDATES

Mr. Coulson noted that great progress has been made on several of the recommendations. He introduced Ms. Jeanne Blackburn, ASAP Program Administrator to discuss recent GIS mapping that was completed. Ms. Blackburn reviewed the mapping of Arizona Youth Survey data by Community Health Analysis Area. Please see attached maps. It is noted the maps mirror the methamphetamine seizure data from the Drug Enforcement Administration, and it is requested data on price and purity are overlaid on the prevalence maps for additional comparison.

Mr. Coulson introduced Ms. Briana Kreibich and asked she discuss some of the outcomes and conversations that have occurred in the recommendation four meetings. She highlighted further steps that will better address re-entry services for adults and juveniles.

Mr. Coulson notes that at the last meeting the Task Force heard a presentation from Oregon on legislation that requires a prescription for pseudoephedrine. He opens discussion on amending the current Task Force recommendation to include similar language.

Mr. Rosky provided an update on the National Meth and Pharmaceutical Initiatives and their work to move Arizona in the direction of prescription only for pseudoephedrine. He will be presenting to the Association of Chiefs of Police at the January meeting in an effort to gain additional support from law enforcement. It is recommended that a similar presentation be made at the Southern Association of Chiefs of Police. It is noted that if this were not to happen at a statewide level, local municipalities will begin to move in this direction, and this is happening in several eastern states.

Mr. Coulson mentioned that in the Federal Appropriations the Drug Enforcement Administration will be required to report to congress on a strategy to address smurfing.

Mr. Rosky motioned for the Task Force to amend Recommendation Five to include going prescription only for pseudoephedrine in an effort to combat and regulate precursor chemicals used to produce methamphetamine. Mr. Kontz seconded the motion. The motion was carried with no objections.

## F. METH SUMMIT UPDATE

Mr. Coulson introduced Jim Copple to provide an update and next steps for the National Meth Summit. He discussed the release of a white paper on meth by the SAMHSA-CSAT; that will include current data from all states that participated. In addition, five action steps are being developed following the Steering Committee Meeting that SAMHSA-CSAT will implement. Ms. Kreibich discussed the current outcomes of the Arizona Plan for Action that was developed following the Summit.

#### G. RURAL METH GRANT

Mr. Coulson asked Jim Copple to provide an overview of the Rural Law Enforcement Meth Initiative. Mr. Copple discussed the release of a rural meth grant by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the requirements. Please see attached document

Ms. Kreibich discussed Arizona's application for this funding and requested support from Task Force member agencies is developing the application. The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Attorney General's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas volunteered to further develop the application. A workgroup would meet within the next week to finalize the application.

## H. CALL TO PUBLIC

**Mr. Coulson** made a call to the public and there was no response.

## I. ADJOURN

**Chairman Coulson** adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.